



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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VIA FACSIMILE

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RE: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
City of Newark's Response to Request for Information Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9604(e)

Dear Mr. Brown:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of the City of Newark's partial response dated October 18, 2002 to EPA's Request for Information issued on May 21, 2002 and re-issued on July 3, 2002. The information requested by EPA was to aid in understanding the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) wastewater load to the Passaic River.

Currently, one of the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site is in the midst of drafting a CSO Study workplan for the Passaic River Study Area that will support current and future studies characterizing the extent of contamination in the tidal Passaic River. To accomplish this goal, EPA would like to share the City's information with the PRP. However, in its transmittal letter the City indicates that the information provided in its response is confidential and prohibits disclosure to any other party. EPA would like to resolve this matter with the City quickly so that work on the Passaic River can proceed. Please call me at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter in further detail. I can be reached at (212) 637-3106. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kedari Reddy", is written over the typed name.

Kedari Reddy
Assistant Regional Counsel

Attach.

cc: R. Winfield, ERRD

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